IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

John C. Jaeger Confirmation: 6802

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Response to Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the notification of non-compliant appeal brief dated June 22, 2009, it is requested that Section VI of the appeal brief filed in the above matter be deleted and the following be inserted:

Claims 33 through 35, 37 through 39 and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,916,151 to Charters. Claim 40 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charters.

Applicant regrets the cited error in the statement of the grounds of rejection presented on review.

Respectfully submitted,

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